

26 October 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Speaking Request

1. Per the attached letter I have been invited to be the guest speaker at the annual banquet/reunion of the A-1 pilots who have flown in Southeast Asia and are organized into a group known as the "SPAD DRIVERS." As indicated in the letter from Major Kilbourne, who is helping to organize this year's session, this is the group that Vang Pao spoke to when he was here in 1968.

2. The dinner is in San Antonio on the night of Saturday, 7 November. If I go, I would be flown to San Antonio in an Air Force plane that day and returned to Washington the following day (Sunday), thus no time would be missed from the office.

3. Unless you have objections my inclination would be to accept this one. We have gotten a great deal of assistance from the A-1 squadrons in our Laos operations and I would like to put a little fuel on a small back fire by stressing in a low key, factual vein how helpful A-1's can be in the type of war being waged in Southeast Asia.

4. I have thanked Major Kilbourne for the invitation but naturally told him that I could not accept without concurrence from my office. I did promise to call him positively or negatively sometime this week

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Attachment